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To: City and county planners, road supervisors, and public works directors

Subject: Local Projects on Designated State and Federal Highways

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Please let us know by July 14, 2006 about projects you are planning on state and federal highways over the next year. You can use the attached local project report form. You can also get the form on-line at: http://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/docs/forms/local_projects_report_form.pdf

Each project must include this information:

- location.
- scope of work.
- estimated cost,
- year to be let,
- details regarding public involvement associated with the project

I've enclosed a map to help you identify designated state and federal routes. These routes show up as blue, red, green, and orange lines. If you don't plan any projects on these routes over the next year, you do not need to submit a report.

State law requires the Transportation Commission to let all projects on designated state and federal highways (60-2-111, MCA). This applies even if MDT is not funding the project. The purpose of this statute is to ensure the safety of our system, that improvements are not contrary to Department standards, and will not conflict with any future planned development by the Department.

Twice a year, we ask about your local projects. We take your relevant projects to the Commission. It then decides on delegating to local agencies.

We appreciate your help. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the guidelines, please contact David J. Schnittgen at (406) 444-9236.

Rail, Transit and Planning Division

Enclosures

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